

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Title: Synthesis of Combretastatin A-4 Prodrugs and Trans-Isomers Thereof

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/582,950

Attorney Docket No. 12504.355

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please insert the following heading before the first paragraph on page one of the specification, after the title of the invention:**

INTRODUCTION

**Please insert the following heading before the third paragraph on page one of the specification:**

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

**Please insert the following heading before the fifth paragraph on page one of the specification:**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

**Please insert the following heading on page 6, after the chemical formula and before the first full paragraph:**

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

**Please insert the following heading on page 9, before the second-to-last paragraph, which starts "FIG. 1 comprises....":**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Title: Synthesis of Combretastatin A-4 Prodrugs and Trans-Isomers Thereof

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/582,950

Attorney Docket No. 12504.355

**Please insert the following heading on page 9, before the second-to-last paragraph, which begins “[t]he process by which...”:**

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

**Please insert the following heading and Abstract after the claims, as the last page of the application.**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to novel water-soluble, stable derivatives of combretastatin A-4, and novel synthesis methods therefore. The combretastatin A-4 prodrugs described herein appear to be useful in the treatment of neoplastic disease.